## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-242-S - ORDER NO. 93-722

AUGUST 11, 1993

IN RE: Request of United Utility Companies, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Ownership of the Idlewood Wastewater Treatment Facility to the Spartan-burg Sanitary Sewer District. ) OF OWNERSHIP

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the April 7, 1993 Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. (United or the Company) seeking approval of the sale of assets and transfer of ownership of the Idlewood wastewater treatment facility to the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §58-5-240 (1976), as amended, and R. 103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

By letter dated May 12, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's Application and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file appropriate pleadings. Additionally, the Company was instructed to directly notify all of its customers affected by the proposed

transfer. The Company submitted affidavits indicating that it had complied with these instructions. The Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) intervened in the case, however, subsequently, notified the Commission on August 3, 1993, that, after reviewing the Docket, the Consumer Advocate was satisfied with the terms of the transfer. Therefore, the Consumer Advocate would not be participating in any hearings held in this Docket.

United requested a waiver of the hearing in this matter.

Since no protest had been received, and the Consumer Advocate had stated that it would not participate in any hearing on the matter, the Commission believes that this waiver should be granted.

Further, the Commission has examined the terms of the transfer of assets, and believes that the transfer is in the best interest of the Company's ratepayers. Therefore, the transfer of the Idlewood wastewater treatment facility to the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

 The transfer of the Idlewood wastewater treatment facility from United Utility Companies, Inc. to the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District is hereby approved. 2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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